HARVARD COLLEGE
OBSERVATORY.

Cambridge, Oct. 16, 1893.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Oct. 9 is at hand. All projects of establishing an observing station in Southern California, to be connected with and supported by this Observatory, were abandoned some years ago, for the reasons that no satisfactory title to the necessary land, free from all expressed or implied conditions, seemed to be attainable and that the cooperation on the part of the University of Southern California, which I had been led to expect, was not in fact afforded.

The 24-inch telescope recently constructed for this Observatory will be mounted first in Cambridge and probably later in Peru.

Yours respectfully
Edward C. Pickering

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HARVARD COLLEGE OBSERVATORY,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

October I9, I907

Mr. William H. Knight,

Los Angeles,

Dear Sir;

In reply to your letter of October I2 I will suggest that you will probably find all that is known on the subject about which you inquire in Miss Clerke's History of Astronomy during the Nineteenth Century, a book which you would find a valuable one for your library.

Mizar and Alcor are about I2' apart. Mizar has a companion at a distance of about I5". Mizar itself is a spectroscopic binary, a fact discovered my me in I887.

Yours very truly

Edward C Pickering